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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Anne M. Kornbau on March 14, 2001.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 24, line 3, delete "by".

In claim 24, line 7, add --which-- before "encodes".

Suspension of Application

With the above Examiner's Amendment, all claims are currently allowable.

A reference relevant to the examination of this application may soon become available.

Ex parte prosecution is SUSPENDED from the date of this letter.

Conclusion

The amendment filed January 10, 2001 has been entered.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Claire M. Kaufman, whose telephone number is (703) 305-5791.

Dr. Kaufman can generally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:30AM to 12:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler, can be reached at (703) 308-6564.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

Official papers filed by fax should be directed to (703) 308-4242. Faxed draft or informal communications with the examiner should be directed to (703) 308-0294. NOTE: If applicant *does* submit a paper by fax, the original signed copy should be retained by the

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Claire M. Kaufman, Ph.D.



Patent Examiner, Art Unit 1646

March 15, 2001